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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD TO AVOID CONVEYING THE IMPRESSION PRESENTED IN TEL (YOUR TFCW81: SITREP 23) PARA THREE THAT BEIJING IS NORMAL. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE AUTHORITIES ARE PROMOTING THE IMAGE OF A RETURN TO NORMAL, BUT BEIJING IS OBVIOUSLY A CITY UNDER THE THUMB OF MARTIAL LAW TROOPS AND IS UNEQUIVOCALLY NOT/NOT RETURNING TO NORMAL.

--OUR NORMAL CONTACTS WITH BEIJING RESIDENTS ALL OVER THE CITY FROM VARYING WALKS OF LIFE HAVE ENDED FOR THE TIME BEING. PEOPLE ARE AFRAID TO TALK TO US;

--THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY CIRCULAR ISSUED JUNE 13 (SITREP 51) AUTHORIZED THE USE OF FIREARMS TO DISPERSE ILLEGAL GATHERINGS;

--ARMED TROOPS, TANKS, AND ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS ARE DEPLOYED IN THE CITY, INCLUDING ON AND AROUND TIANANMEN SQUARE AND THE FORBIDDEN CITY. NOTE: ALTHOUGH CHANGAN JIE TO THE NORTH AND THE STREET IN FRONT OF THE HISTORY MUSEUM ARE OPEN, THE SQUARE REMAINS CLOSED AND ENCIRCLED BY TROOPS, ARMORED VEHICLES, AND BARBED WIRE. THE FORBIDDEN CITY IS OPEN ONLY THROUGH THE NORTH GATE AND AREAS DIRECTLY NORTH OF TIANANMEN SERVE AS A TROOP BIVAC AND IS CLOSED. END NOTE;

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